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BEAVERTON LAUNCHES NEW 'POOCHES ON THE GREEN' EVENT

- A St. Paw-trick's Day Celebration for Dogs and Their Friends on March 21 -

Beaverton, Oregon (March 12, 2009) – Furry, short-haired, small or large, bring your dog to Beaverton's City Park on Saturday, March 21, for the first-ever Pooches on the Green event, a St. Paw-trick's day celebration for dogs and their friends. The festivities, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., feature Irish music and dancing, agility demonstrations, pet look-a-like contests, best kisser contest, doggie treat giveaways, a dog ear art project for kids, great prizes and more. The first 100 dogs registered will receive goody bags with treats courtesy of event sponsor Nature's Pet.

Activities include a Wearin' o' the Green parade and costume contest for dogs (and their owners!), a K-9 demonstration by the Beaverton Police Department, a demonstration and dance-a-long with Murray School of Irish Dance, an appearance by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Pipes and Drums, a dog ear art project with the Beaverton Arts Commission plus silly pet tricks, and pet look-a-like contests. John Oliver of KUIK will serve as the event emcee.

Stop by the booths to "Ask a Vet" with Murray Hill Vet, Read with the Dogs from the Beaverton City Library and Dove Lewis, put together a crisis plan for your pet with the Beaverton Emergency Management program, visit with service dogs from the Delta Society and learn more about AKC Good Citizen training. Learn more about living "green" at booths from Green Mountain Energy and NW Natural.

Registration is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contest winners will be announced at 1:30 p.m. City Hall park is located at SW 5th Street and SW Hall Boulevard (across from the Beaverton City Library).

Schedule:

10 a.m.	Mayor Doyle welcome, Tualatin Valley Pipes and Drums perform
10:30 a.m.	Beaverton Police Department K-9 Demonstration
11 a.m.	Agility Course Demonstration
11:30 a.m.	Murray School of Irish Dance Demonstration
Noon	Dog and Owner Dance-a-Long with Murray School of Irish Dance
12:30 p.m.	Silly Pet Tricks and Best Kiss Contests
1 p.m.	Dog parade and costume contest
1:30 p.m.	Contest winners announced

Pooches on the Green is presented by the City of Beaverton and sponsored by NW Natural, Nature's Pet, KUIK Radio (1360 AM), and Green Mountain Energy. Special thanks to AKC Good Citizen Training, Beaverton Arts Commission, Beaverton Police Department, Beaverton Valley Times, Canidae All Natural Pet Food, City of Beaverton Emergency Management, Delta Society, Murray Hill Vet, Service Dogs of America, the Oregon Humane Society and Washington County Animal Control.

Rules

- Socialized dogs welcome.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. For safety reasons, "extend-a-leashes" will NOT be allowed.
- Female dogs in heat are not permitted.
- Officials reserve the right to refuse entry to any dog whose behavior could be dangerous to others. Please use good judgment regarding the temperament of your pet so that this event will be safe and enjoyable for everyone.
- No bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, etc. are permitted for safety reasons.
- Due to potential health risks, dogs younger than six months old cannot participate.
- Dogs entered must be currently licensed with proof of Parvo and Rabies vaccinations. You do not need to bring proof with you; if an incident occurs, you must be able to produce proof within 48 hours.

Pooches on the Green will take place rain or shine. For more information and early registration forms please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov.

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